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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today, "District Attorney E. Michael McCann, his staff, the Milwaukee Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation handled this matter in a non-political fashion and consistent with policies that were set prior to the election. Those same policies instruct federal prosecutors to defer to the decisions of local prosecutors unless there is a compelling federal interest not addressed by the local charges. On the basis of the criminal complaint filed today, there is no compelling federal interest that would be served by federal charges."